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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH INDIAN  
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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRONT PAGE OF EVERY IMPORTANT NEWSPAPER  
IN DELHI WAS DOMINATED THIS MORNING BY LENGTHY AND ENTHUSI-  
ASTIC ACCOUNTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S APRIL 15 MEETING  
WITH SWARAN SINGH, GENERALLY ACCOMPANIED BY A VERY FINE  
A.P. PHOTO OF A HANDSHAKE-WITH-A-SMILE. THE GENERAL TENOR OF  
THE COVERAGE IS INDICATED BY THE HINDUSTAN TIMES HEADLINE  
"KISSINGER ASSURED US AID TO INDIA". THE OVERALL IMPRESSION  
GIVEN BY THE SEVERAL ACCOUNTS OF WHAT WAS OBVIOUSLY AN  
UPBEAT AND EVENTFUL MEETING IS THAT THE SECRETARY COMMITTED  
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THE UNITEDSTATES TO FRESH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, DEBT

RSCHEDULING,HELP WITH FERTILIZER PRODUCTION, AND NEW MECHANISMS TO FOSTER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH INDIA. HE IS DEPICTED AS HAVING PROMISED A THREE DAY VISIT TO DELHI IN JUNE, AND INDICATED FIRM U.S. SUPPORT FOR INDIA'S CURRENT ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS. HE PRAISED THE RECENT TRI-PARTITE AGREEMENT. ANOTHER GROUP OF ARTICLES COVERING THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A HEADLINE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE STATESMAN "MAJOR SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY". THESE ARTICLES PRAISED THE SECRETARY FOR HIS PERSONAL VISION AND LEADERSHIP, IN CONTRAST TO OTHERS IN WASHINGTON FOUND LESS WELL-ENDOWED WITH THOSE QUALITIES, AT LEAST WITH RESPECT TO INDIA. END SUMMARY.

1. EXCERPTS FROM HINDUSTAN TIMES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE: "AT HIS HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH IN NEW YORK LAST EVENING SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER ASSURED U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION OVER AN EXTENSIVE FIELD. DR. KISSINGER SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AS AN AREA IN WHICH THE U.S. HOPED TO STRENGTHEN INDIA'S CAPABILITIES RAPIDLY ....DR. KISSINGER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, WILL SPEND THREE DAYS IN INDIA IN THE BEGINNING OF JUNE. AFTER HIS TALKS IN NEW DELHI HE IS EXPECTED TO PAY A BRIEF VISIT TO BANGLADESH. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED DURING HIS TRAVELS IN THE SUB-CONTINENT BY HIS WIFE. DR. KISSINGER PRAISED INDIA, PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH FOR THE WISDOM AND FARSIGHTEDNESS THEY DISPLAYED IN REACHING THEIR RECENT AGREEMENT.... DR. KISSINGER WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE WAY INDIA WAS TRYING TO TACKLE ITS NUMEROUS DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WITHOUT PERMITTING ANY WEAKENING OF ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OR DILUTION OF ITS VALUES. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE REITERATED HIS COUNTRY'S FULL SUPPORT FOR INDIA IN ITS ENDEAVOR...."

2. HINDUSTAN TIMES PAGE 5 ARTICLE BY KRISHAN BHATIA, HEADLINED "U.S. REVERSES STAND ON WORLD RESOURCES POLICY". EXCERPTS: ...."ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES, DR. KISSINGER PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN SOFTENING THE ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE CURRENT MOVE ON RESOURCES AND GIVING IT A POSITIVE ELEMENT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS REPORTEDLY INFLUENCED BY SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS. FIRST, DR. KISSINGER USUALLY HAS A MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITIVE AND FARSEEING ATTITUDE IN SUCH MATTERS THAN EITHER THE WHITE HOUSE OR EVEN THE BULK OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT HE NOW CONTROLS. HE SAW MORE CLEARLY THAN OTHERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION THE DAMAGE THE U.S. WOULD DO TO ITS IMAGE IF IT APPEARED TO BE DRAGGING ITS FEET IN THE MATTER...."

3. EXCERPTS FROM INDIAN EXPRESS. ( LARGE PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE. ARTICLE ON PAGE 5.) "DR. KISSINGER TOLD MR. SAARAN SINGH.... THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, MR. D.P.

MOYNIHAN TO NU N MANCE.#HE SAID THAT HE  
WAS TAKING ACTION BOTH WITH REGARD TO LOAN RESCHEDULING AND  
RELEASE OF FERTILIZERS BOUGHT BY INDIA BUT WHOSE SHIPMENT  
HAD BEEN DELAYED BY AMERICAN EXPORT CONTROLS...DR. KISSINGER  
IS EXPECTED TO VISIT INDIA FOR THREE DAYS IN EARLY JUNE.  
HE WILL ALSO GO TO BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN....DR. KISSINGER  
SAID WHATEVER MIGHT HAVE BEEN AMERICAJS POLICY IN 1971, HE  
WANTED MR. SWARAN SINGH TO KNOW THAT THE U.S. HAD HIGH  
RESPECT FOR INDIA'S DEMOCRATIC VALUES, FOR THE DEMOCRATIC WAY  
IN WHICH INDIA WAS TRYING TO RESOLVE ITS PROBLMS AND ITS EFFORTS  
TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND COOPERATION IN THE AREA. THE U.S. HE  
ASSURED FULLY SUPPORTED THESE EFFORTS."

4. EXCERPTS FROM THE STATESMAN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE. (INCLUDING  
PHOTOGRAPH) "...DR. KISSINGER IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD  
INDIA'S MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. SWARAN SINGH, HERE  
YESTERDAY THAT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO DELHI HE HOPED  
TO REACH AGREEMENT IN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
FIELDS.... IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT DR. KISSINGER IS TAKING ACTION  
TO PERMIT THE EXPORT OF FERTILIZERS TO INDIA. HE WAS CONFIDENT  
THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS WOULD AGREE TO THE REPLENISHMENT OF  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. ....MR. DANIEL PATRICK  
MOYNIHAN HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF U.S.  
ASSISTANCE TO INDIA. THIS WAS LIKELY TO INCLUDE ADVANCED TECH-  
NOLOGY FOR PRODUCTION OF COAL-BASED FERTILIZERS AND POST-  
HARVEST OPERATIONS, BESIDES DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF  
ENERGY AND OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION. DR. KISSINGER WELCOMED THE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA, PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH AND SAID THAT  
WHATEVER MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE U.S. POLICY IN 1971 IT WAS IN  
"FULL AGREEMENT" WITH THE POLICY OF PEACE, COOPERATION AND  
DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT THAT INDIA WAS FOLLOWING."

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